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COVER: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, unveils the commemorative plaque at Prideaux House.
Photograph by courtesy of "The Hackney Gazette"

For the pictures illustrating the account of the Summer Festival we are indebted to 'Skegg' Blanchard, Michael Ambler and the Sport & General Press Agency.

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IN AND OUT

-notes & comment

"JULY 4th, 1922, is a day to mark in the Toc H Calendar of important events" wrote Miss A. B. S. Macfie in *The Curious History of Toc H Women's Association*. The small group of people who met together on that date could hardly have guessed that forty years later they would have grown into an Association of 556 Branches, with a further 141 overseas, and a membership passing the ten thousand mark. Throughout those years they have forged purposefully ahead with service parallel to that of Toc H, and this year celebrate their Fortieth Birthday. A specially prepared Service of Thanksgiving is being widely used in numerous churches throughout the country, including the newly-built Coventry Cathedral. In sending warm Birthday Greetings to Toc H Women's Association on their 40th anniversary, we also wish them many happy and successful years ahead.

Birthday Greetings

AT LEAST HALF the world's people are still hovering uncertainly in poverty just above starvation level in a world of potential plenty. The FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN, which is sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, is an international one aiming at helping the hungry to help themselves. The United Kingdom Campaign was launched by the Duke of Edinburgh in the Royal Festival Hall on June 27 at a great meeting of civic heads and representatives of voluntary societies of all kinds. Toc H was, of course, officially represented at this meeting and some suggestions and guidance for Branches as to the ways in which they should consider participation will appear in the future issues of the JOURNAL.

¶ **Freedom from Hunger**

Winter Sports

THIS YEAR'S Toc H London Sports Meeting, held at Battersea Park on May 26, had more competitors taking part than the previous year and, despite the perishing, cold weather, a good crowd of spectators enjoyed a lively and interesting afternoon. When presenting the awards, JIMMY NEILLY commented on the almost total lack of entries from Branches and said he did not believe that they had no young men available. He hoped for a great improvement next year—and so do we.

After the Festival

FIVE MATLOCK members, together with five from Bakewell Branch, returning home from the Festival in a mini-bus, were overtaken on the M1 by a car in the fast lane. As it passed its nearside rear tyre burst and it went out of control, mounted the centre grass verge, and somersaulted three times before coming to rest in the fast London-bound lane. Within seconds, the Toc H party had stopped and were freeing the five occupants of the smashed car. One member ran up the road and waved oncoming fast traffic into the slower lanes, and another ran to the S.O.S. telephone. Within two minutes, police were on the scene, and within eight minutes an ambulance, but before they had arrived members had rocked the wreckage clear of the fast lane on to the grass. Another car with two Toc H men, also returning from the Festival, stopped and helped. The occupants of the damaged car, which was a total write-off, were fortunate in receiving little more than cuts and bruises.

Honorary Archivist

THIS NUMBER could not be allowed to go to press without paying brief acknowledgement of our great indebtedness over many years to REX CALKIN, the retiring General Secretary and the JOURNAL'S keenest critic and most consistent contributor. In addition to furnishing the regular monthly feature *Multum in Parvo* the taut sentences of Rex's other contributions, usually unsigned, never called for sub-editing nor the facts querying; the facts were always as he had so carefully written them. Over the years we have gratefully drawn on Rex's wide knowledge of men and events within the Movement and, in his new post of Honorary Archivist, we confidently count on still being able to do so. The roots of personal relationships run deep in Toc H and, on a personal level, it may be permissible to recall that in World War I a certain young Captain R. R. Calkin, of the Queen's Westminsters, was badly wounded within a few hundred yards of the present Editor. "Old soldiers . . . "

Hornsey Journal

The Queen Mother welcomed on her arrival by the Mayor of Hackney

The Royal Opening of Prideaux House

THE EDITOR

It was to a flag-bedecked corner of Hackney alive with mums, and youngsters let out early from school, that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother came on the afternoon of Friday, June 1, to open the brand-new Mark III, Prideaux House, named to record the long association with Toc H of L. Prideaux-Brune, dating from 1920, the pioneering days of the Movement.

On arrival the Queen Mother was welcomed by Hackney's blind mayor, Councillor Daniel West, accompanied by the Mayoress, who escorted her past the juvenile guard of honour of scouts and guides, cubs and brownies.

Hornsey Journal

"I have great pleasure in declaring open Prideaux House"

Church Lads' Brigade and robed choir-boys, to the main entrance where the FOUNDER PADRE awaited her.

Inside the building the Queen Mother was met by GEORGE DAVIS, Chairman of the Central Executive, and CHARLES YOUNG, the Warden. A number of young Marksmen living in the house were presented to Her Majesty before she took her seat on the platform in a specially erected marquee in the grounds.

After being officially welcomed she spoke of her pleasure in attending a Toc H function. "For many years," said the Queen Mother, "I have followed the developments of your wonderful work, and admired the steadfast devotion of those who have created and maintained this great fellowship."

"We may regard the completion of this new Mark with real satisfaction. It is proof of vision and courage, proof that today, in this greatly troubled and materialistic world, there are people who firmly uphold the ideals of Christian service."

"In this fine building," she went on, "men of diverse creeds and races will live together in a spirit of human

Hornsey Journal

A number of young Marksmen were presented to Her Majesty

comradeship. I trust that the opportunity thus afforded them of exchanging ideas and discussing problems, will lead to the formation of lasting friendships. I am confident that this house will indeed be a haven where many young men will find peace and relaxation at the end of a full day's work."

The young residents and the many guests who had contributed to the new building, heard the Queen Mother stress in her speech that one of the lessons of Toc H was "that each individual must give as well as take".

The Royal visitor added: "I pray that the Marksmen of Prideaux House will, by their example, influence people far beyond its boundaries, and they will, I feel certain, render special service to their neighbours in the borough of Hackney."

She concluded: "The building of this Mark would not have been possible without the help of countless friends, and their generosity is tangible proof of their belief in the usefulness and importance of Toc H. I have great pleasure in declaring open Prideaux House."

Hackney Gazette

After signing the visitors' book the Queen Mother talks to Tubby

Afterwards the Queen Mother unveiled a plaque in the entrance hall and toured the building and talked to some of the Marksmen and staff.

Paying tribute to the many donors who had made the venture possible TUBBY, in a speech following that of the Queen Mother, also spoke of the interest shown throughout the building development by Hackney Borough Council and successive Mayors. He recalled that when Alderman Heath was Mayor, he raised by means of a local appeal the cost of The Borough Room, and as foreman bricklayer played a key part in the building.

He also spoke in warm terms of local Jewry's "unstinted friendship and keen encouragement, especially through Rabbi. Rev. Dr. BARNETT JOSEPH".

The Royal visit was scheduled to end at 5.50 p.m. The Queen Mother, in fact, stayed till just after six and then, on leaving, had a word or two with many of the youngsters forming her guard of honour. Prideaux House could not have had a finer opening than this one, so happily bestowed upon it by a radiant Queen Mother.

MULTUM IN PARVO

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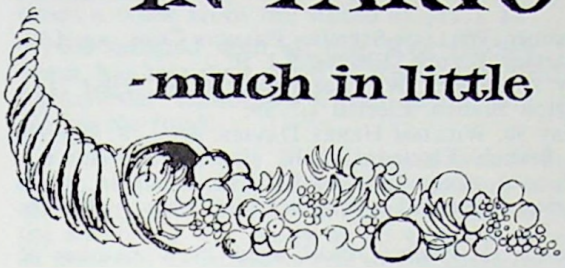

¶ ⚜ Cyril Cattell, formerly Kent and Sussex Secretary and recently Festival Secretary, on July 1, 1962, succeeds Rex Calkin, General Secretary of Toc H since September, 1931, and previously London Jobmaster and Secretary from January, 1925.

⚜ R. E. Peters, Marks Pilot at Headquarters, has taken over from Jack Clark, Houses Secretary for more than sixteen years, on the staff since January, 1933, now retired.

⚜ Padre Harry Devis, who has been acting as Southern Area Padre since his return from South Africa in April of last year, has now left the Staff.

⚜ Padre Leonard Rivett, on leaving the staff after five years in the Yorkshire Areas, is being instituted by the Archbishop of York on July 12 as Vicar of Norton, Malton, Yorks.

⚜ Michael Goodey, Mark XXII, joined the Toc H Services Staff in Germany in May.

⚜ Wilfrid (Bill) Davies, who has been registering the membership of Toc H since February, 1926, will retire in September and be succeeded by Mrs. Kathleen Simmons, better known to many as "Fergie".

⚜ Major W. Sam Rasalam, Deputy India Commissioner, is in this country until September and returns to India as full-time Hon. Secretary.

⚜ B.A.O.R.: Two Assistant Wardens, men or women, aged between 23 and 55, are wanted for the Toc H Services Staff in Germany. Apply Services Secretary at H.Q.

⚜ The World Chain of Light will be started at 9 p.m. on December 11 and a Vigil maintained in Manchester. It will be observed in turn westward of there at the same hour by local time as far as the Pacific. Thence in turn, westward from New Zealand to Manchester, the Chain will be completed at 9 p.m. by local time on December 12.

Elder Brethren

BRADLEY.—On April 4, the Rev. REGINALD FREDERICK BRADLEY, aged 83, a founder member of Catterick Village Branch. Elected 14.6.'38.

COOK.—In December, WILLIAM STEPHEN FRANCIS COOK, aged 71, a member of Costessey Branch. Elected 9.3.'56.

DANA.—On May 7, the Rev. WILLIAM HENRY DANA, aged 71, a member of Orpington Branch. Elected 1.7.'39.

DAVIES.—On May 30, WILLIAM HENRY DAVIES, aged 78, a member of Caerphilly Branch. Elected 5.10.'31.

DUDLEY.—On June 3, JOHN KENYON DUDLEY, aged 45. Hon. Treasurer, Manchester Area and a member of Didsbury Branch. Elected 13.12.'55.

DYSON.—On March 31, PERCY DYSON, aged 75, a member of Holt Branch. Elected 29.7.'52.

HALL.—On May 8, ERNEST EDWARD HALL, C.B.E., aged 65, a member of Worthing Branch. Elected 18.2.'37.

HICKMAN.—On March 30, HARRY JAMES HICKMAN, aged 71, a member of Crosland Moor Branch. Elected 25.10.57.

JOHNSON.—On May 20, JOSEPH R. JOHNSON, aged 81, a member of Milton Branch. Elected 16.10.'31.

JOHNSTON.—Suddenly, on April 19, CHARLES T. JOHNSTON, aged 62, a West Midlands Area member. Elected 29.3.'43.

MIDDLETON.—On May 31, NORMAN MIDDLETON, aged 77, a member of St. George Branch. Elected 29.12.'32.

SCHOLES.—On May 19, EDWARD SCHOLES, aged 68, a founder member of Oldham Branch. Elected 21.9.'32.

TAMBLYN.—On May 17, FREDERICK TAMBLYN, aged 67, a member of Liskeard Branch. Elected 7.3.'50.

WALTON.—On April 21, the Rev. GEOFFREY KITSON WALTON, aged 61, a member of Hereford Branch. Elected Adelaide, Australia and later a member of Bideford Branch, 17.6.'43.

WHITE.—On May 25, PAUL NORMAN WHITE, aged 54, formerly of Toc H War Services Staff and H.A.C., Oxford and Thames Valley Area. Elected 15.9.'38.

In Memoriam

JOHN KENYON DUDLEY

Only forty-five, Ken Dudley had joined Toc H in 1956 having been drawn into the group then working with International Help for Children. Within a year Ken was appointed Area Treasurer and devoted himself to the job of gathering in the shekels. In addition to the Area responsibility, firmly based on the example and work he put in at Didsbury Branch, he also looked after the money from the Festivals of Music and the New Year Dances.

His staunch championing of Manchester City led him into the Hospital Commentaries Association where he regularly broadcast, during both football and cricket seasons. His wife, Nancy, and he have been one of the husband and wife teams taking part in the record request programmes that go out three times a week from the studio at Mark IV.

Not satisfied with all this, Ken Dudley, for the past four years, has travelled down to Rhyl every Friday evening of the Manchester Children's Camp taking the week's rations of perishable food.

I have frequently found myself wondering whether I was doing as much full-time as Ken Dudley and others like him are doing voluntarily. Clitheroe in the north or Nantwich in the south, he was ready to go with me, after the day's work as personal assistant to one of the directors of Simon Carves, to take the opportunity to plead for the Family Purse at a District Team.

None of this service was compulsive. Ken was moved by a deep loyalty and kindliness—indeed some of us have wondered whether he would not get still higher results if he beat the Treasurer's drum more loudly. But he preferred to rely on example and reminder.

To work with Ken was to be drawn into the friendship of his family, and many friends in Toc H further afield will add their sympathy to ours for his wife and two daughters, Adrienne and Pauline. A.G.K.

To Publish Abroad-V

Seeing More Clearly

JOHN CALLF

THE FIRST POINT to remember is that publicity is no substitute for personal effort. All too often there is justifiable suspicion that the Branch which shouts loudest for "more publicity" is really declaring unwillingness or inability to be its own good advertisement. "Good wine needs no bush" has much truth in it. True as the saying is, however, it does not say that there is anything wrong in advertising good wine. What *is* wrong is to advertise good wine and provide bad.

A bad Branch will not be helped by the best publicity in the world. It will only surround itself with resentful, disappointed men spreading bad publicity for Toc H. In his May article, CHARLIE WALLACE, a Branch P.R.O. made that point clearly and showed that publicity to be any good must be a natural projection of things that are happening in the Branch all the time.

The March JOURNAL carried a splendid description by REG COLLINS of expansion at Uxbridge. Although this was not part of our publicity series it might well have been so. Here was a Branch that wanted publicity but had the sense to realise that publicity means hard work and preparation. What was their first action? *They scrubbed, painted and utterly transformed the Branch room.* Other publicity-hungry Branches please copy! Too many Branch rooms seem to symbolise a dirty past rather than a bright future—and that is just plain bad publicity.

COLIN WINTLE'S expert April article shows how necessary it is to have good approach work and to see everything from the public's point of view. What may seem important to us in our Branch may have no appeal whatsoever to the public in general. A recent television programme about church publicity shows that editors generally can't abide local amateur church Public Relations simply because most P.R.O.s seem quite incapable of looking at things from an objective public point of view. Toc H Branch P.R.O.s need not be discouraged so long as they be wiser than that.

Here is an example based on a recent experience. When Colin Wintle urged Branches to make more use of modern publicity media including regional BBC news bulletins one Branch, call it Boomtown, wrote in hopefully that they were running an old folks' Christmas party. Well, of all the 'corny' items an old folks' Christmas party would take some beating.

With faint hope Colin pressed for details and stumbled on one remarkable feature. Amongst the entertainment was to be a choir from the nearby foreign colony of—

shall we call them—'Ruritanians'. Now there was little love lost between the local Boomtowners and self-contained Ruritanians. Here then was the seed of a good story to appeal to all the people of Boomtown.

The headline would probably be something like "Ruritanian Singers Delight Boomtown O.A.P.s". There would probably be some account of the proceedings, what the old folks thought about the Ruritanians and what the Ruritanians thought about the old folk. A good newspaper reporter could really go to town on it and perhaps at the end there might be some mention that the party was organised by the local Branch of Toc H which, incidentally, rendered personal service to these old folk throughout the year.

Actually, I don't think that the story got into either the local press or the regional BBC. Maybe it was too late to get it lined up. But if Boomtown Branch had a P.R.O. who could have seen far beyond the vision of a hack headline "Toc H Gives Old Folks' Party" who knows what the consequences might have been?

So over to you, the Branches! Actions will always speak louder than words but the right words here and there sometimes bring more men into action. That is the sole justification for any publicity.

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It is hoped that this series on publicity and public relations will have helped Branches to see their opportunities more clearly.—Editor.

Don't just say brown

—say Hovis

Salute to Jack

IN THE SUMMER of 1914, a young seventeen-year-old lad left his Buckinghamshire village to commence a career in the City of London. But at the beginning of 1915, making a slight miscalculation in his age, JACK HAILEY CLARK enlisted as a rifleman in the 12th London Regiment (The Rangers), and saw considerable action in France and Flanders, until wounded on July 2, 1916.

On discharge from hospital, he volunteered for service in the Tank Corps (then very hush-hush). By the midsummer of 1917 he was again in Flanders, this time driving a tank, and during this period Jack became a frequent visitor to the Old House.

Demobilised early in 1919, Jack returned to work in the City and joined up with Toc H at Mark II. In November, 1922, he was appointed Hon. Warden of Mark VII and it was here that he commenced his life-long friendship with Padre Gilbert Williams.

A member of the Central Executive from 1925-29, when a severe illness put him out of action, it was not until the end of 1932, after making a complete recovery, that he undertook the key position of Warden at the Seafaring Boys' Club, Southampton. The years that followed were busy and adventurous ones as Jack steadily built-up world-wide personal relationships, many of which have endured to this day.

In 1941, Jack departed for the Orkneys where, as Administrator's Deputy, he had the seven-day-a-week job of controlling six Toc H Services Clubs, together with a convalescent home for members of all three Services.

The war ended, Jack joined Headquarters staff on January 1, 1946, as Houses Secretary, and for the next sixteen years with tireless effort and quiet persistence maintained the Marks on even keels. Perhaps the hardest part of his task has been in securing continuity of their

Honorary Wardens and all-important staff. In finding solutions to a multitude of problems, Jack has always been guided, to quote his own words, "by the unique way in which Toc H offers a continual challenge; sometimes to unlikely and unsuspecting men."

Jack Hailey Clark

Apart from his well-known interest in gardening and skill as a floral artist, from his schooldays Jack has always been keenly interested in amateur dramatics. In earlier days with the Toc H Players, and later with the Southampton Amateur Dramatic Society.

Now the time has come for Jack to withdraw from an arduous full-time job. Nearly fifty years have been spent in selfless service and he takes back to the village where he was born, our respect, affection and warmest wishes.

They Went Back

F. G. CHESWORTH

ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 30, 1914, the transport of the 1st London Scottish Regiment trundled through the streets of the sleeping town of Poperinge on its way to Ypres. The following day, Halloween, the regiment was heavily engaged in its first action at Messines, on the edge of what was soon to become the Ypres Salient. This year, on May 23, fifteen of the Scottish Old Comrades, including two who had taken part in the Messines battle, returned on a brief visit.

For the first phase of the tour, Talbot House in Poperinge was their billet and the party was soon very much at home in the Old House. With so much to hold their attention, and little needing any interpretation, the albums of photographs taken during World War I (including a memorable picture of the Scottish returning from Messines), proved as irresistible an attraction as they did to the younger men of the British Expeditionary Force of World War II.

The following morning, the party attended the Hotel de Ville, where the Burgomaster, M. DE SAGHER, most hospitably entertained them and spoke in eloquent terms of the close links forged in both war and peace between the Flemish and British peoples.

Later, a brand new Dumortier coach carried the party on a tour of the Ypres Salient. On the outskirts of Messines village a halt was made and a wreath of Flanders poppies laid at the foot of the London Scottish regi-

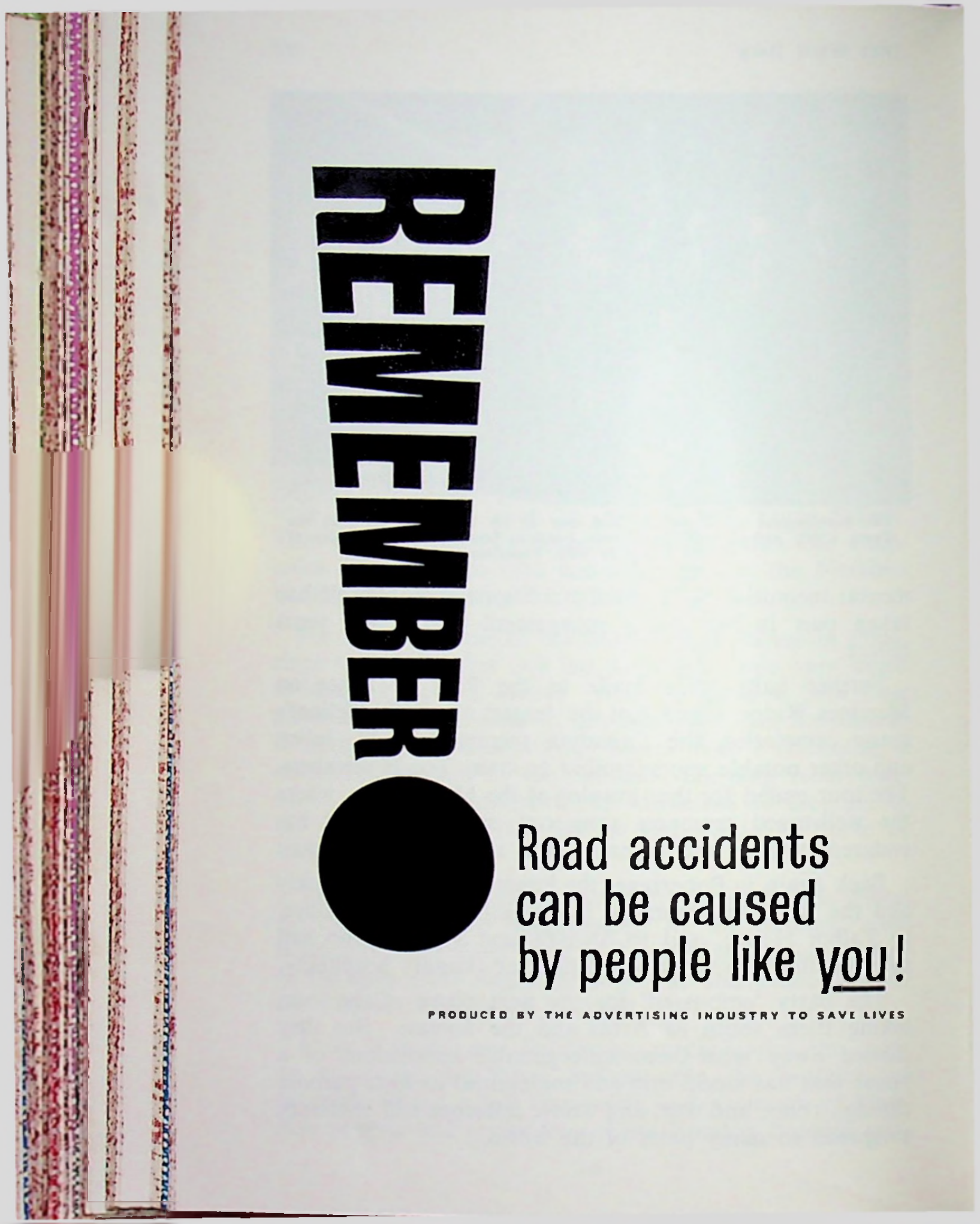
The Burgomaster of Poperinge and one of his sons, together with the Town Clerk and a colleague, with London Scottish Old Comrades at the Hotel de Ville, Poperinge

mental memorial by T. McCOLL SMITH, who himself had taken part in the initial engagement nearly fifty years before.

Further halts were made at the Pool of Peace on Messines Ridge, Tyne Cot the largest of all the Salient's many cemeteries, the Canadian memorial at St. Julien and other notable spots familiar to many Toc H members. The tour ended for that evening at the Menin Gate, where the well-tuned trumpets rang out in a salute that has endured, winter and summer, for nigh on forty years.

Back again in Poperinge, the hours sped all too quickly and the following morning it was time to say 'goodbye' to Talbot House, and to ANGELE and SYLVAIN who had so well maintained its reputation for friendly hospitality.

The party 'embussed' for the next phase of the tour, taking them south to Arras and the Somme. But they carried away with them unforgettable impressions of a house that has stood firm and maintained its high purpose through peace and war, and whose influence still continues to spread to many parts of the world.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FROM ALL PARTS

-area news

NORTH WESTERN AND MANCHESTER

EAST LANCASHIRE have held another inspiring training weekend at Alston Hall, the Further Education Centre at Preston. Padre John Jones came up from the Principality to meet members from the FYLDE Branches as well as those from EAST LANCASHIRE and BOLTON Districts. John, having had three years' reflection in the hills of Trofarth, talked about the field for Toc H and the method of it. We caught him in full flight on a tape-recorder, and the edited version will undoubtedly be in demand in the Area.

On the Saturday evening, Jack Lightfoot, the Warden of Alston Hall, opened up a discussion on the Common Market with an hour of typically refreshing lecturing. I have rarely seen thirty-five members of Toc H so eagerly questioning a speaker. When the expert gets into Toc H there is no shortage of lively minds to have a go with him.

We are looking forward now to the arrival of the first Winant Volunteers to Manchester and Liverpool. The Branches are not likely to see much of them, yet they have contributed generously towards the necessary expenses. We regard the work the young Americans will do in the centre of the two cities as part of our determination to reverse the trend of Toc H over the years in moving away to the suburbs. JACK SHAW AND BOB KNIGHT.

On Monday, May 28, at the ACCRINGTON Branch headquarters, a barometer was presented to Charlie Langham by the chairman, George Tuck. The presentation was made to show appreciation of his efforts as treasurer over the past twenty-six years, and to give him a memento from members of the Branch, to whom he has been a guiding light in many ways. Although Charlie has now handed over the treasurership to a younger member he still attends regularly. Long may you reign, Charlie. R. GARBETT.

BEDS. & HERTS.

As an experiment, BERKHAMSTED held a Branch Supper when over forty turned up at a picturesque low-beamed cafe and under Don Lockhart's hostmanship enjoyed a first-class evening, with Alf Hine from Datchet doing the honours with a short after supper talk. This experiment was surely a success, for after two-and-a-half hours, the gathering had to adjourn to nearby lamp posts to continue nattering.

WOLVERTON Branch certainly intends to keep contact with their large band of Builders. At their Annual Ball this year they had an attendance of nearly 180 Builders, Members and Friends, and also raised £53 to be divided between the Branch and their near neighbours STONY STRATFORD.

This report of these two efforts will serve as a pointed reminder to Branches, not only those in our own Area, to make a little more effort to keep in touch with those that are "so near and yet often so far away from the local activities of our Movement".

Thanks to two young men guests whom we took to Dor Knap, Berkhamsted have established a Young People's group that may turn out to be a lively mixed show to make more of us sit up and take notice. We shall be watching this new venture with interest through the coming months. RAY FABES.

WESTERN

The Area Weekend at Dor Knap was greatly enjoyed by some twenty-five members and in particular that session in which Simon Allard gave what all agreed to be the best talk on Toc H and Youth heard for many a day.

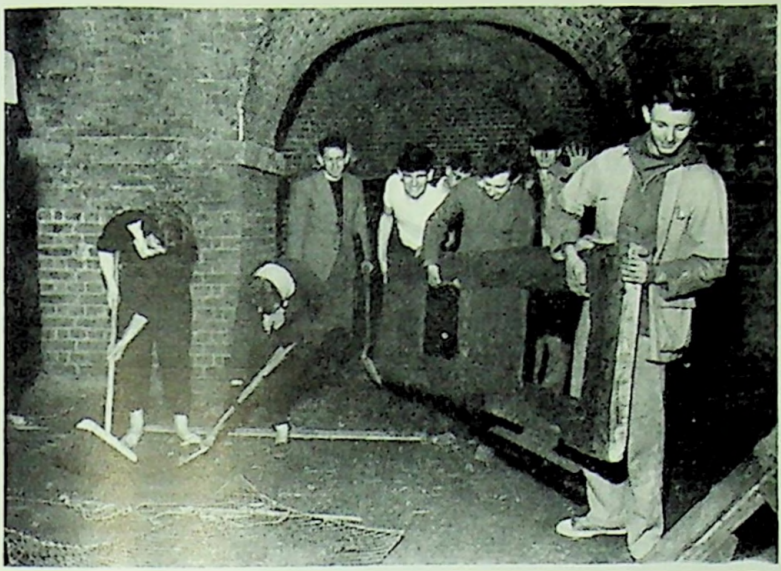
The Western Area has decided to do without an Area Executive and to give to District Teams the power of life and death of the Branches in their care. This whole matter was thrashed out and agreed as from the Area Weekend. We are confident that the District Teams will make the response to this challenge.

The conference at the Area Centre in Bristol was almost a full-house and many more would have meant taking the meeting to another hall. The meeting was chaired by Simon Allard, the new Area Chairman, and Jim Brooks of Portishead Branch spoke briefly and to the point on the booklet he had produced.

SWINDON District are looking forward to the open-air Rally at Langford, when they will be the guests of Padre Lane, the local Vicar. Members of Toc H Swindon and the Women's Association with husbands and wives will join forces with members from Cirencester, and, it is hoped, many other friends.

The belated telephone trolley service for the Bristol Homeopathic Hospital is at last connected and members of the Friday Club at the Area Centre will man and woman the service two evenings each week.

Members of the Sunday Club undertook the collection for Toc H in regard to Alexandra Rose Day in the week June 11–16. At the Area Centre, both clubs are madly chopping some firewood for old folk. JOHNNIE MACMILLAN.



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Clearing rubbish from the bombed St. John's Church, Smith Square

WESTERN LONDON

A very interesting piece of work has been undertaken by MARK II. It all began when two members of the Branch there were passing through Smith Square (near the Houses of Parliament) and noticed some Scouts working on St. John's Church in the centre. Hitler's minions did this church a lot of no-good during the War, since when it has remained an empty shell, so our two friends naturally stopped to ask what was going on.

It was a rash question. Much to their astonishment, they were immediately taken captive and hauled before no less an authority than the Lord Chief Justice of England! They only escaped after promising the full co-operation of the Mark in clearing the church of rubbish, making it and the crypt and the surrounding ground tidy and safe, repairing the fence and installing flood-lighting.

What is happening is that it is intended to rebuild this church and to launch an appeal for the purpose, but at present the building is too unsafe to show to anyone. The Lord Chief Justice and Lady Parker, who live round the corner, are keenly interested in this project, in which Toc H men, Scouts and an occasional guest at the Mark have since been working regularly. The crypt is a dark and dusty place but they seem to enjoy moving great quantities of timber outside so that it can be taken away, clearing away ruined brickwork, filling in holes in the floor and so forth. So if any young man wants something to do on a Thursday evening or a Saturday morning, let him get in touch with Mark II!

MAYNE ELSON.

SCOTLAND

The Scottish Council at Carronvale this year welcomed Canon Colin Cuttell. Colin's address was appropriately slanted towards the present day problems of industrial relations and the place of the Church in the life of "Industrial Man". Colin was able to draw extensively on his recent experiences with the South London Industrial Mission, and his talk, covering a wide area of human relationships, was full of interest for those attending the Council. The questions which he set for discussion covered subjects directly concerned with the life and being of our Movement and they evoked deep discussion and much sober thought. The Council was not as well attended as last year but it was most enjoyable and clearly indicative of the healthy state of Branch life in most Scottish units.

Hector Innes, Kelso

Members from Border Branches at their Rally in Kelso

Prior to the Council, Colin visited Kelso where a Border Rally took place when some forty members from the Border Branches enjoyed a highly entertaining evening, marred only by the fact that it was the last night that Kelso were to use Branch Rooms which they had occupied continuously for twenty-seven years. Subsequent to Carronvale, the new Field Commissioner visited Largs Branch. Before returning south, Colin addressed a large meeting of Glasgow Rotary.

SELKIRK Branch in "bringing the expert to the group to hear him and ask questions" decided last year to vary the time-honoured practice by having four of their local Town Councillors along and subjecting them to a strenuous half-hour of heckling in an effort "to help the truth to prevail". The four Councillors not only enjoyed the experience but were most appreciative of the constructive criticism offered them. Arising out of this interest in local affairs, two members of the Branch this year have been elected to the Council.

CRIEFF Branch, situated in lovely country on the edge of the Highlands and a popular holiday resort, particularly for people from the South, decided that their old folk needed more than country air to sustain them after the hard winter. In conjunction with the local Red Cross and the Old Folks' Welfare Committee, members of the Branch escorted a party of 120 to Portobello Sands. The party thoroughly enjoyed the long trip and the meal provided.

CUMBERNAULD Branch, who have recently "broken into" the new town of Cumbernauld where a new group has been set up, have in the past entertained parties of paraplegic children from Glasgow. This work on the part of the Branch having come to the notice of Burroughs, who have a large factory in the vicinity, resulted in the firm's Social Welfare Department taking an interest in the job and this year 120 children were entertained by the firm assisted by members of the Branch.

Cumbernauld, thinking that this was not really a full-time job for them, on the same day received in their own Branch Rooms, a party of fifty-six old folk and Toc H and W.A. members from Edinburgh brought through in members' cars. The Edinburgh people were treated to an afternoon of entertainment given by local artistes and a meal provided by the wives of members and members of Cumbernauld W.A. Branch.

ALLOA and STIRLING, assisted by other Branches in the Ochils and members of Cumbernauld, held a meeting in Tullibody, near Stirling, to discuss the possibilities of starting a group in that town with local interested persons. Donald Macintosh handled the meeting of over thirty with consummate skill and gave many of the Toc H members a fresh insight into our Movement.

REG STEWART.

OXFORD & THAMES VALLEY

Seventy-four members, wives, husbands and friends from the units comprising DESBOROUGH Joint District recently attended the second annual dinner at the Catherine Wheel Hotel in Henley. The occasion was a great success and, as the chairman of Henley remarked, the name of Henley would surely in future be synonymous not only with its regatta but also with its Toc H dinner.

Guests of honour were Central Councillor Alf Hine and his wife and Colin Campbell. Also present was the Area's new Padre, the Rev. John Larter and his wife, attending their first official function in this Area.

Padre Larter, in proposing the health of the guests, spoke of the joy and fellowship of Toc H and of its importance to the Movement. Alf Hine, in replying, referred to the many 'mixed' units in the Desborough District and he gave it as his opinion that this type of unit had an important role to play in the future of Toc H.

Finally, Tom Brewer, the District Chairman, introduced Colin Campbell who gave interesting details of how the money had been raised for the building of the new Mark III. DERICK PARSONS.

DOR KNAP

An excellent Schools Week held at Easter seems to have given pleasure and profit to them and to us, as they cleared ground, built a good fence, had some useful sessions and ate us out of house and home.

The site is prepared for a new greenhouse for which an anonymous donor and the Barnet Branch are largely footing the bill.

Weekend parties have been bigger than ever. We burst at the seams with the one for Jobmasters and Pilots, when thirty-three attended, but there are still vacancies for some of the weeks ahead.

GEORGE AND DOROTHY ATKINSON.

J. W. Latham, Chandler's Ford

Elderly house-bound folk set out on a motor coach tour of the New Forest as guests of Chandler's Ford Branch

EAST ANGLIA

When we deplore the poverty of morals and spiritual insight, what do we mean? What would you suggest are the outstanding characteristics of personality? What is the value of tradition, if any? Is the method and purpose of the Main Resolution capable of meeting the challenge of today? These, and a number of others, were the challenging questions to which members endeavoured to find answers at the first of the Area Weekends for the current year held at Overstrand, Norfolk.

We were very grateful to Bob Purdy, West Midlands Area Secretary, for the inspiring and helpful talks he gave on the theme, "Assessment and Adjustment", presenting a new approach and insight to the task which confronts the Movement today.

Comments received from the Discussion Groups at the final session suggested that the time had been well spent. Members had not apparently got bogged down with the practicalities and detail of Branch affairs.

Tradition, as one group suggested, should be looked at occasionally over the shoulder as one goes forward, it is not something which should cause us to turn round to stare at and to worship. The Weekend sent members back with a new spirit and a new confidence.

Some seventy members attended from all parts of the Area, and though Colchester Branch retained the trophy, 'The Eaton Clanger', for the Branch having the best attendance figures, we do not forget the lone member who travelled all the way from Saffron Walden.

The Area is pleased to welcome two new groups, one in Norwich and the other at Gimingham, near Mundesley. Both give promise of becoming firmly established and are taking special care to ensure they obtain a thorough understanding of the Movement and to the building of their own—not borrowed—traditions.

REG SMITH.

WEST YORKSHIRE

"Come Rain—Come Shine". These words headed the invitations sent out by KIRKBURTON Branch asking friends to join them in celebrating their 1,000th Meeting. Saturday June 2 turned out a lovely sunny day. When laying their plans the Branch could almost have been reading the mind of John Callf, for they had decided on almost a purely local affair. While well supported by the Area and the Huddersfield District, everyone who took part resided in the West Riding.

The ancient church was well filled in the afternoon for the Service of Praise and Rededication conducted by the Vicar, Canon J. Barton, assisted by Padre Ron Smith. Many local people, including the Chairman of the Council, attended. The address was given by the Ven. A. Sephton, Archdeacon of Craven and a former Branch Padre, and Fred Brook conducted the Ceremony of Light and also gave the charge. An excellent tea was followed by a Re-union and Get-together for the 1,000th Meeting.

Councillor Herbert Snow, the Branch Chairman, presided and introduced an old member, Frank Kaye, who spoke on past achievements and the wonderful fellowship of the Branch's early days. Padre Ron Smith gave a most inspiring talk on Toc H today and paid tribute to the loyalty and keenness of the present members. Fred Brook (Mirfield) spoke his thoughts on the future of Toc H, encouraging members to face it with confidence and hope. The talks were interspersed with musical items, magical acts and a dialect play given by members.

It was an event to be remembered by all who were there. Many former members who had travelled long distances in order to be present agreed that it had been time and effort well spent.

ROY BUTCHER.

NOTTS. & DERBY.

A new venture showing promise of becoming a regular feature, was a coffee morning recently held at MANSFIELD. It was organised by the members and wives of the Mansfield Branch, supported by friends from other Branches.

A room in the centrally located Swan Hotel was rented for the occasion and some three hundred letters went out inviting Builders, friends and contacts of Toc H to attend. There was a large response as the result of which £22 was raised. The money will go towards the cost of conveying the pupils of Thieveswood School for Handicapped Children for an outing to Mablethorpe. So impressed was the landlord of the Swan by the effort that he substantially reduced the charge for the room. BILL HARRIS.

MARCHES

The Division is very sorry to lose two of its Officers who both belonged to Oswestry Branch. TED PARKE, the Executive Secretary and Central Councillor, returns to Swindon, and CLIFFORD FENTON, the Divisional Chairman, moves to Aberystwyth. We wish them both luck in their new spheres and our gratitude for their real encouragement while among us.

We welcome BRIAN PODMORE into the Division on his taking up residence at Attingham Hall as Warden.

Much work is now being put in to try and get units going at NEWTOWN and at WHITCHURCH. T. ROMANIS.

LINCOLNSHIRE

Lincolnshire is one of the Areas experimenting in the scheme for the Promotion of District Teams. Though progress for the first year was exceedingly slow, reports at the Second Annual Meeting held recently indicated a real progressive trend. For the first time for many years there was a halt to the steady decline in membership, and a rise over the previous year's figures.

The following items of the Reports presented gave added encouragement: a new desire for planned extension rather than leaving it to chance; new young recruits; fresh contacts with Builders through a quarterly Builders Bulletin which is delivered by hand by Branch members; the trebling of the number of Builders in the Area, through Sydney Swain's efforts; a growth in the General Members Branch; wider circulation of the Area News Letter; some new jobs and extension of many old jobs; a slight increase of contributions to the Family Purse; the army of friends that assists units with jobs; the value of participation in weekends at Dor Knap; the appreciation of the need for training at unit and District level.

All this, and much more beside, provides a real sense of excitement and adventure upon which to commence another year's work together. The Area feels confident that it is poised ready for another solid step forward. The most thrilling part about it all though is that we have realised afresh that this thing called Toc H is indeed great fun when we do things together. GEORGE LEE.

Bertram Authers, Crediton

Visitors admire the entries at Lapford Branch's exhibition of arts and crafts

EAST YORKSHIRE

YORK Branch is preparing for a busy Summer. Plans have been made for a visit from NEWSOME Branch when between thirty and forty members and wives are expected to make the journey to the historic city of York, where they will be the guests of York Branch for the day. The Archbishop has kindly invited the party to visit his palace at Bishopthorpe.

The Branch will also be visiting the Minster once again on July 12 when a service will be held at which the Ceremony of Light will be taken with the use of the silver Lamp of Maintenance, known as the Plumer Lamp, in memory of Lord Plumer. This silver lamp has a permanent home in York Minster.

This year an invitation is to be extended to all East Yorkshire Branches and York Branch hope to make it a memorable occasion. If any members from other parts are within reach of York on July 12 it is hoped that they will try to attend the service, which will be held in the evening.

Is this a record? One very good reason for the long and valuable contribution made to Toc H by the York Branch over the years, has been Stan Cooke, their very capable and energetic secretary, who is also secretary to East Yorkshire Area Executive. Stan has been secretary non-stop of York Branch for seventeen exciting years. Can any other Branch beat this, or does Stan hold the record?

BILL HARDY.

SUSSEX

On Saturday, June 2, at the Ralli Hall, Hove, the Final Answers were made as five teams representing the whole of Sussex competed in the Finals of the Toc H Youth Quiz. The winning team came from that lovely little village of Winchelsea, tucked away on the coast between Hastings and Rye. We felt a little smug in East Sussex as 'Doc' Mitchell presented the lovely silver Rose Bowl, donated by John Weston, to Winchelsea Mixed Youth Club. The whole contest had been a real success, though not without a few trials and problems, including the match that hit the headlines on the front page of the local paper because the Question-master got the questions mixed and presented a team with the same ones as they had the previous week!

All those lucky enough to have been associated with the whole effort learnt a lot, both in knowledge and in the problem of dealing with the younger generation, and some very useful follow-up efforts have been suggested.

Warm thanks to all the clubs taking part and to all those outside Toc H who did a good job acting as Quizmasters, transporting teams, and looking up questions. Anyone want to buy a well-worn copy of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica?* DEREK COLLIS.

WEST MIDLANDS

The members of Tyseley Mixed Group staged their first Guest-night on Saturday, May 12, and those people who didn't attend missed a real treat. The whole evening was superbly organised by these young members, starting with the Tyseley Young Ladies in a comedy routine. This was followed by a short speech by Pat Miles. Although she said she was very nervous, it wasn't obvious, and I had the feeling that she was an expert at the job. We were then treated to a One-Act Play, the comedy, "The Telephone Never Rings". Again, first class.

Refreshments were ready at the right time and were tastefully prepared. During this break, we were entertained by an excellent teenage rhythm group called "The Graduates". The rafters rang with their playing and singing, and I have a feeling that we shall see and hear more of these lads before long.

With refreshments over, David Bailey, another young member, spoke to us. He called his short speech "The Challenge", and a real one it turned out to be. Like Pat Miles, he knew what he wanted to say, and said it, without beating about the bush. He said he had been agreeably surprised to find that he and his colleagues had been received so well into Toc H, and now felt proud to be a member. He found that the older generation in Toc H were prepared to work with the younger generation, and it gave him a feeling of satisfaction that old and young were prepared to see each other's point of view, and get on with the jobs in hand. Both Pat and David paid tribute to Les. Griffiths and Padre Jack Kemp for their interest and enthusiasm in starting the group.

TREVOR EDWARDS.

Uckfield Branch operate a Paper Salvage Campaign to raise funds towards an old folk's outing

EASTERN LONDON

During the winter a woman was missing for several days and, largely at the instigation of LOUGHTON Branch, a search was made in the nearby Epping Forest and the woman was found—dead from exposure. It seemed to the Branch that, if there can be mountain rescue teams and lifeboats manned by volunteers, there might also be a voluntary band of people willing to search the 6,000 acre Epping Forest for missing persons.

The Branch are, therefore, forming a band of searchers with the help of other organisations. The plan is that the police or the Epping Forest authorities, whenever a missing person is reported to them, will contact certain key people in each organisation and these, in turn, will then call out their members for the search. The local press have given considerable publicity to the Branch's scheme and aroused public interest. JIM GREEN.

DOR KNAP

There are still a few vacancies in the following Central Parties: August 4-11 (week) "The Life and Work of a Branch" (Leader: Alec Churcher). August 25-Sept. 1 Open Week (Leaders: George Atkinson and Padre John Jones.) September 1/2 (weekend) "About Extension" (Leader: Alec Churcher). Applications as soon as possible direct to leaders of parties.

A weekend Conference for Toc H members and others interested in youth work will be held at Dor Knap from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 October. Applications to Alec Churcher at Headquarters.

Above: A coach party arriving on Tower Hill and (left) Scottish members on The Terrace display their Branch banner

Summer Festival

A ROVING REPORT

WHEN the planners fixed the opening event of the Festival to take place on Tower Hill during the morning of Saturday, June 16, they could have had only a hazy notion of the number of members and friends likely to turn-up. But turn-up they did—in shoals—and by midday had completely taken over The Terrace, All Hallows, Toc H Headquarters, 'Forty-Two' and, for good measure, the Women's Association H.Q. around the corner.

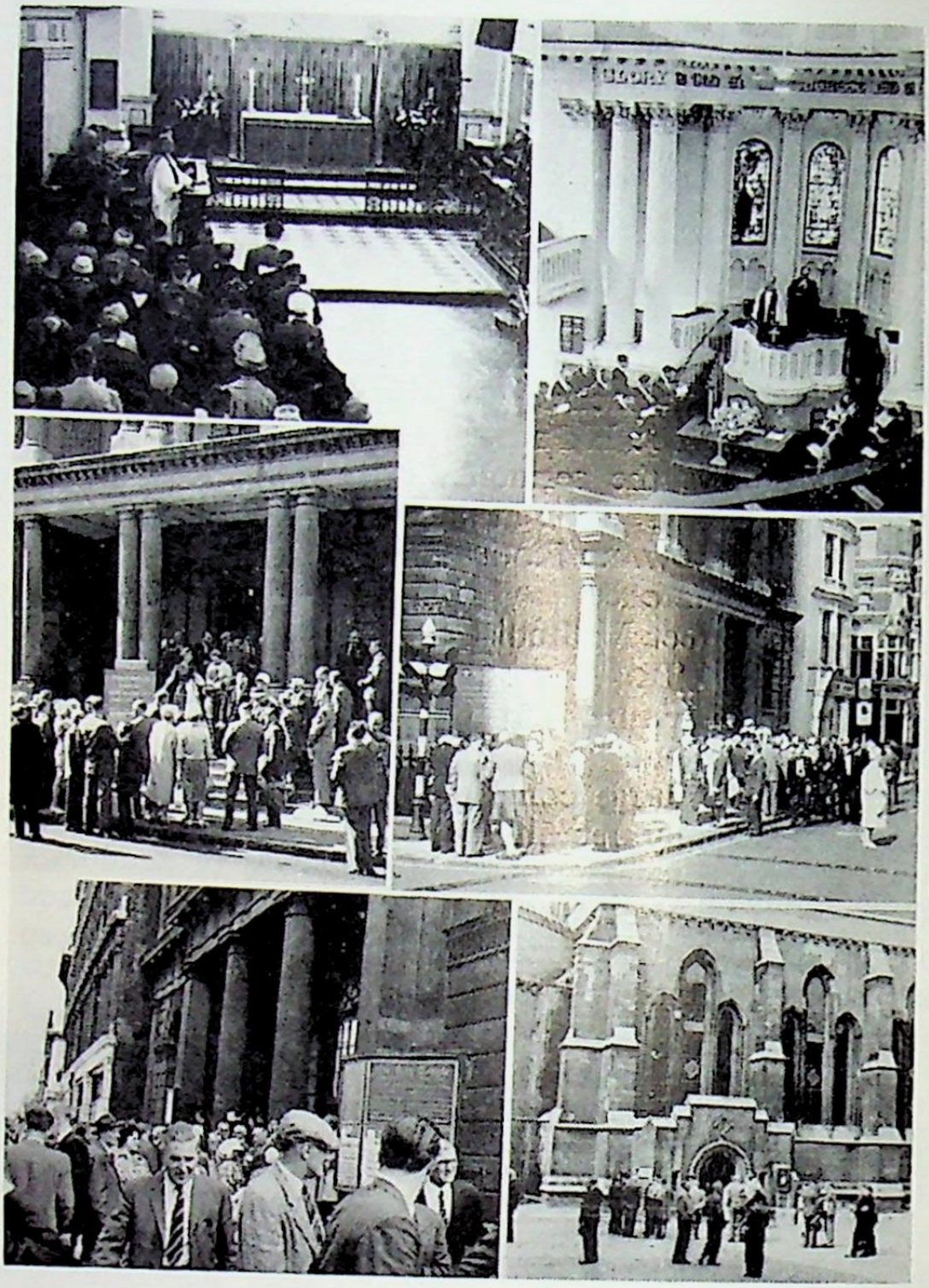
In the sunshine over this animated scene flew the Toc H flag on Headquarters roof, while from All Hallows' belfry the carillon, operated by ALF MANKELOW of Tunbridge Wells Branch, pealed a spirited selection of welcoming tunes.

Those who had the foresight to book a meal in advance —for catering for the hungry and thirsty in this part of London on a Saturday presents a problem—enjoyed a 'real' meal at 'Forty-Two', while an improvised coffee bar at Headquarters, staffed by GEOFF MARTIN and KEN PRIDEAUX-BRUNE, also did a thriving trade. Others picnicked on the Terrace or travelled westward for their refreshment.

For the Festival Services on Saturday afternoon, no less than five churches were needed, where identical services led by Toc H Padres were shared simultaneously. At All Hallows the sermon was preached by the Rev. AUSTEN WILLIAMS, while at the City Temple, the preacher was the Rev. EDWARD ROGERS, a former President of the Methodist Conference.

At Hinde Street Methodist church another congregation heard the Rev. 'BOB' KNIGHT, the Manchester and North Western Area Padre. At St. Martin-in-the-Fields, our Field Commissioner, the Rev. Canon COLIN CUTTELL, preached to a large congregation, while at the ancient and now happily rebuilt Temple Church the preacher was the Rev. ERNEST SOUTHCOTT, Provost of Southwark Cathedral. All their hearers were greatly rewarded, and it is regretted that space prevents us presenting even abridged accounts.

Below: Members visiting Headquarters examine the volumes presented to Tubby on his seventieth birthday and (right) Alf Mankelow of Tunbridge Wells Branch at the keyboard of All Hallows' carillon



SATURDAY SERVICES

Top (l) St. Martin-in-the-Fields. (r) Hinde Street Methodist Church. Centre: Congregation leaving Hinde Street Methodist Church. Bottom (l) Outside the City Temple and (r) The Temple Church

SATURDAY EVENING

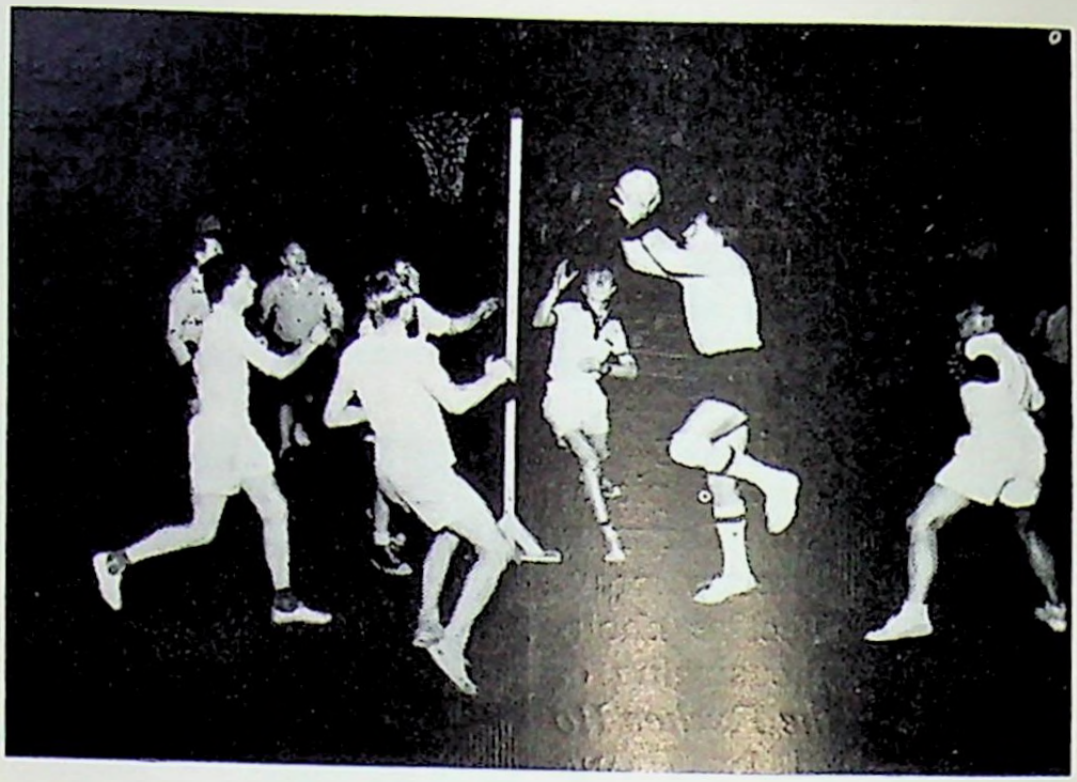
Long before the doors were opened, queues of ticket-holders were forming at the Royal Albert Hall and, once inside, any lingering doubts as to the Festival's success were soon dispelled. At the great organ, an old friend of Toc H, ARNOLD GREIR, played with great verve a selection of grand music, and promptly at seven o'clock, the scarlet-clad band of the Scots Guards came into action with the National Anthem.

Community singing, alternating with band pieces followed, CYRIL CATTELL, the Festival Secretary, proving a most effective choirmaster. For the singing of *Green Grow the Rushes Ho* he was joined by FRANK KERRIDGE, of Wimborne Branch, who nobly shouldered the solo parts of the twelve-versed folk song.

Frank Kerridge and Cyril Cattell lead the singing of "Green Grow the Rushes Ho"

The next part of the programme was titled "Home Grown", and was made up of items from half a dozen Areas. NORTH BUCKS. kicked-off with a novel presentation of jobmastery to be swiftly followed by HARTLEY WINTNEY Branch's melodious bell - ringing. Then, came a mime *The Lamp Burns Bright* performed by EAST LONDON members—no easy task to stage in the great arena—and right well they did it.

More action followed with a hotly-contested basket-ball match between teams of MANCHESTER and LONDON TOC H RUGGER CLUBS and their game was succeeded by a burlesque one in which NEW ADDINGTON Branch members demonstrated how *not* to play. HEDNESFORD Branch's



A hotly-contested basket-ball match between Manchester and London Toc H Rugger Clubs

New Addington members follow on with a demonstration of how not to play basket-ball !

contribution took the form of a few hectic moments in the life and death of an Editor, although we hasten to add that the report of our own demise was without foundation.

Commentary by Roger Collinge

Next came a first-class display of playing and counter-marching by the bugle band of the 11th EAST SURREY BOYS' BRIGADE and, lastly, EDDIE CANNON and "THE RAMRODS" took the stage and gave it hot and sweet to a delighted audience. For a completely amateur show, with little time for rehearsal, the presentation went surprisingly smoothly and, beyond the skill and enthusiasm of the performers, owed a great deal to the accompanying commentary given by ROGER COLLINGE.

The bells in the buffets signalled the end of the short interval that followed and, breaking-off their lively encounters with friends, the Family trooped back to their seats for Part II of the programme.

In addition to welcoming guests and sharing messages from many who would have wished to be present, the Chairman, GEORGE DAVIS, paid tribute to three whole-timers who were shortly due to retire: REX CALKIN, JACK CLARK and BILL DAVIES.

It was now the FOUNDER PADRE'S turn to introduce Sir FREDERICK HOARE, the Lord Mayor of London, as the principal speaker. After receiving a tremendous welcome, Tubby said that as a former Marksman, Sir Frederick knew exactly what Toc H was trying to do. "He is of ourselves", Tubby added, "and you are being talked to by a brother member".

Sir Frederick commenced by declaring this to be a particularly stirring occasion for himself and that, coming as

a member of the Family, he was deeply impressed by the enormous volume of goodwill represented by the gathering. He continued: "I shall always remain most grateful to Toc H for teaching me some of the most important lessons in life. This happened when I lived for nearly two years as a Marksman in Mark I and was absorbed into that family life where there is such a wonderful variety of people living together."

"No-one can estimate just how much is owed to the influence of these centres of integrated community life, but it is quite certain that the Prison Service, Borstal, British Empire Leprosy Association and the Scout Movement—to name only a few spheres of service—would have been considerably poorer without the chain of 'hostels—with a difference'."

"For that reason we all rejoice that Mark III—otherwise to be known as Prideaux House—has now been opened by H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN MOTHER. It is the most modern and splendid of all Marks buildings to date. I am especially interested that one of the rooms has been given and named after my own mother company—the Goldsmiths—with which my family have been connected for 290 years."

"Some of you may know that the principal theme in my year of office is Youth—and all that concerns their true well-being. There can be no finer basis for your younger men than that provided by the Marks—and I am glad indeed to hear that as part of the 1965 Jubilee programme, other Marks are envisaged."

"But the Marks are not the only centres of Toc H influence—and I think gratefully of the hundreds of Branches which meet weekly. They meet in towns and villages all over the country—and abroad—and sometimes in the oddest places. From these cells of good

The Platform : (l. to r.) Tubby, Rex Calkin, Sir Frederick Hoare, George Davis, the Lady Mayoress, the Archbishop of Brisbane and John Cailf

fellowship, men return reinforced to undertake their tasks as builders of the Kingdom of God on earth."

"No effort must be spared in order to transmit through them both the way and the means to implement the Four Points of our Compass."

"In a world sorely needing a deeper experience of community, and in which the churches are making greater efforts than ever before to achieve unity, Toc H has an increasingly important role to play. The task of reconciliation has so often been the world's great need and never more than at this moment. This great work is one which our Movement is specially qualified to help. There is much more I could say, but I want now to make one request. . . . The Lady Mayoress and I have visited in the last six months a vast range of activities of young men and women, and it has brought home to us the great need for older people to give more of their time and talents and insight in order to share themselves with those who will in due course take our place. If you are able please continue to give . . . and, to give more of yourselves, in this critically important and rewarding task."

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'HOME GROWN'

Scenes from the Area presentations given in the arena and on the platform at the Festival Evening in the Royal Albert Hall. 1. The Wild Boys of North Bucks. 2. Hartley Wintney Bell-ringers. 3. East London members in a mime "The Lamp Burns Bright". 4. Bugle band of the 11th E. Surrey Boys' Brigade. 5. Eddie Cannon and "The Ramrods" of Bilston, West Midlands

THE ADMINISTRATOR

The applause which followed Sir Frederick's speech had scarce subsided when a further tumultous greeting erupted as JOHN CALLF, the Administrator, rose to address the gathering. Reminding his hearers of the notice near the door and pointing to the street in the Old House at Poperinge, "To Pessimists, Way Out", John declared that, just as in the old days, we had a lot of room for all sorts of people, by everything that Toc H stands for, we had today no room nor reason for pessimists. Recalling some of the important things done by the Movement since the last Festival was held, he said: "You have established our new headquarters on Tower Hill. For nearly forty years people talked about it: pessimists said it would never happen, or that if it did happen it would be financially ruinous. Well, we're there, it's fine, and you are doing it at no extra cost to the Movement. Well done, you!"

"Toc H has always needed a training centre. Pessimists said we'd never find it: Providence found it—Dor Knap, in the Cotswolds. The pessimists said few people would ever use it; some even suggested that we would never get up that roadway. Well, hundreds more of you, young and old, are using it each year; it would be a job to find a clear booking this side of Christmas."

"When old Mark III, Hackney, began to fall apart we decided to build a brand new Mark to replace it. We'd never built a Mark of our own. Some said it was a pipe-dream, that we'd never raise the money. Well, nearly all the money has already been raised—by hard work."

"Two weeks ago Her Majesty the Queen Mother opened that pipe-dream, and we assure our wonderful friends in Hackney that there is no place in the world where we would rather see the new Prideaux House."

"These are just some of the things that you have accomplished since last we met here. Many of you here tonight played a great part in them. The rest of you will have done things of comparable merit. You must have

done something, or you are no members of Toc H in good standing; you are members in bad sitting. The pessimist is the man who, sitting down, says loudly 'It can't be done'; the optimist's the man who, standing up, says quietly 'I can do it'."

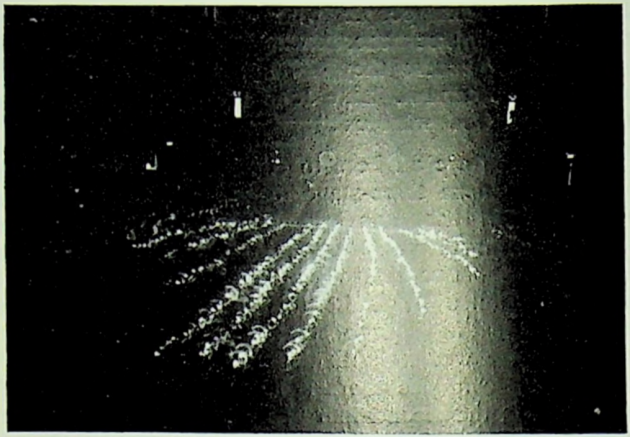
"Don't debate; demonstrate. Essentially Toc H *does* things. . . . The people who only discuss inevitably become pessimists: those who *do* things are God's optimists. Of course they are optimists; they have discovered the optimum. Like John Wesley, they know 'the best of all: God with us'."

"Whilst you are all here together I want to give you a rocket—a modern three-stage rocket. I would call stage one the effort that has brought Toc H thus far—the tremendous thrust that got Toc H off the ground and on its way. Stage two is from now until 1965 which will be Toc H Jubilee Year. Let this stage two be the second big thrust—leading up to stage three—into orbit round and round the world. With the extra thrust that you and your friends can give there is no telling how far Toc H will travel in the second half of its century . . . with your thrust, and your Godly optimism we shall have a real rocket: without them, only a damp squib."

"New ideas and new expressions we must have, but above all stage two must be full of practical things, and you are the people to do them. We are preparing more and more activities to capture the imagination and adventurous spirit of younger folk. Those youngsters will not be conjured out of thin air, but out of solid effort—your effort."

"When we hold our Jubilee we shall have a special parade of all the new Branches, Area by Area, formed between now and then *by you*. Jobmasters, you are the real spearhead of recruitment. Prove it over the next three years. Demonstrate the primacy of the practical. To all of you: work hard! It will be worth it, and you will know with St. Paul that your labour cannot be lost."

Unlike previous Festivals, when the Branch banners have been 'trooped' in procession, this time their bearers were already ranged in tiers between the organ and platform. At a given signal they arose as one man, simultaneously allowing their banners to unfurl, presenting a wall of coloured emblems. At the same time, the ranks of



". . . twinkling flames carried their beams in serried rays . . ."

Lamp bearers had assembled in the arena and, during the singing of the hymn *Out of Many Into One*, from the flame of the Patron's Lamp, stewards carried tapers along the files. When all Lamps had been lighted, the house lights dimmed as Tubby spoke the familiar word 'Light'. At this, the bearers raised their lamps head high and the twinkling flames carried their beams in serried rays that radiated outwards from the Patron's Lamp. Thus the great gathering took its share in the Ceremony.

One final act, the leading of home-going prayers by the Archbishop of Brisbane, the Most Rev. Reginald Charles Halse, and the 'official' part of the Festival evening ended. For some a long night homeward journey followed, while the more fortunate could look forward to a continuance of the Festival on the morrow.

'One enterprising party chartered a motor launch . . .'

SUNDAY MORNING

From an early hour on Sunday morning—usually a quiet day in the City—Tower Hill was alive with members attending Communion services at All Hallows at 8.30, 9.30 and 10.15, while Free Church members gathered in the Porch Room for their own Communion service at 10.30. Later, a packed congregation heard the Founder Padre preach the traditional Festival sermon. Space does not allow the reproduction of Tubby's words here, but it is hoped that it may be possible to print them in a later number.

Elsewhere on The Hill, visiting members were again in strength, the more intrepid of them hiving-off to Hackney to see at first-hand the new Prideaux House. At Headquarters, the throng of visitors was especially thick and after lunch firm measures were required to ensure everyone getting away in time for the Family Gathering. From Old Swan Pier, one enterprising party chartered a motor launch and duly arrived at the Royal Festival Hall landing stage, more or less on time!

In the early part of the afternoon one might have expected to see more members gathered in the sunshine on

South Bank but once inside the hall was another picture. The doors of the Royal Festival Hall had hospitably opened a full hour before the Family Gathering was due to start, and bold signs strategically placed at "Re-union Points" led to many happy gatherings of those sharing common interests. The literature stall also drew many customers and, apart from dispensing the printed word did a brisk trade in 'new' Toc H ties.

M. de Sagher, Burgomaster of Poperinge

With Padre 'Jock' Standidge at the organ and a sizeable volunteer choir in close support the Family Gathering got off to a good start. When JACK TREFUSIS called the roll of those present, the waved programmes revealed the wide-spread Areas represented—surprisingly large when one remembered that for many members travelling long distances, the Festival had perforce to be a one-day event.

Tape-recordings of messages from India, South Africa and Australia were played back, while Major W. S. Rasalam, newly arrived in Britain, spoke briefly on Toc H in Southern India. M. DE SAGHER, the Burgomaster of Poperinge, expressed his people's pride that the Movement had been born in their town in the dark days of the Ypres salient.

"Talbot House is a piece of England in the heart of Flanders Field, and keeps fresh in our hearts our memories of the Tommies of the First World War," he continued. Toc H stood as a link between Poperinge and the British Commonwealth of Nations, and he hoped that the Movement's efforts in establishing friendship between individuals would find an echo in the hearts of all nations.

With Harry Gell in the chair, Rex listens to Keith Fraser speaking on his work in the early days of the Movement

REX MAKES HIS BOW

At the Family Gathering on the Sunday afternoon of the Festival, REX CALKIN was called to the platform of the Royal Festival Hall. HARRY GELL described him as a new member of the Staff: the General Secretary was to change his job on retirement to that of Honorary Archivist in Toc H. Harry read extracts from letters, including some from Australia and one from RONALD WRAITH, who, with Rex and the late 'GREENO', had spent 1934 in that country as a member of the 'Regron Team'. KEITH FRASER spoke of Rex's work as London Jobmaster and Secretary in 1925-1931, and Padre AUSTEN WILLIAMS of their life in P.o.W. camps in Germany in 1940-1944.

TUBBY then took the floor and handed an envelope to Rex. Its contents were not revealed but it is now known that it contained a cheque for £250 subscribed by many friends as a tribute to Rex's thirty-seven and a half years' full-time service in Toc H.

Anecdotage and Acknowledgment

In a speech later described by him as "far too long, even for a garrulous old man in his dotage", REX recalled a much earlier occasion when Tubby had also embarrassed him by apparently disappearing from a train leaving Spain for Portugal. He told of "the finding of an ugly Victorian rectory in South Hackney in 1930. Glory be that now Mark III has risen again! It has been worth waiting for Prideaux House. It's symbolic of Toc H

Rex with Tubby, immediately following the presentation of the tribute to Rex's thirty-seven and a half years full-time service in Toc H

today." Other recollections were of Keith Fraser as the first District Secretary in East London, of Pierhead House, Wapping, as the forerunner of Dor Knap, of Old House and Oberammergau pilgrimages, of incidents in the busy

The literature stall drew many customers

but frustrating life behind barbed wire in Germany with Austen Williams and of the value of a Toc H tie on the journey home.

Quoting Shakespeare's "Past and to come seem best: things present worst", Rex surveyed his time under nine Chairmen of the Central Executive and six Administrators, some 300 meetings of the Executive and 32 annual Councils, uncounted central committees and Area Executives, 25 Festivals—only for the purpose of calling on his listeners to pay tribute to those members who serve at the centre and on Area Executives at home and overseas, to "the backroom girls and men at Headquarters, as well as those in the limelight", and to the Area Padres, Secretaries and Hon. Correspondents. "Toc H would be nowhere without such men." Co-operation with Toc H Women's Association was good, "thanks to MAC, RITA and many others". All of these had been wonderful to work with! Now he was to change his job to a pension and Toc H archives.

Commending the life of a full-timer as being "healthy, if hectic, certainly happy", Rex appealed on this Trinity Sunday to more men, before they passed their early twenties, to consider when they should offer to have their

abilities and vocation put to the test, whether for ordination or as members working whole-time for Toc H. He stressed the need to respond to St. Paul's advice to a younger Timothy: "Let no one slight you because you are young"; also "Never be harsh with an elder; appeal to him as if he were your father". For his part, he said, in Shakespeare's words: "I do not intend . . . to be the snuff of younger spirits". There was a good custom in Toc H that we change our job when there is someone ready to take it on, who is better. That was why he was delighted that from July he was to be succeeded by CYRIL CATTELL.

A Gift on Trust

In voicing his tribute to the many friends who had subscribed so generously to the gift, Rex said he detected in the secret plans the ever kindly hand of the Treasurer, STANLEY BERWICK, backed by the co-plotting of Harry Gell and the hard work, on top of the Festival, of HELEN BENBOW. He then announced that, having made his mind known earlier to the Administrator, he intended on principle to stick to his decision not to accept any presentation for his personal use. This fund would go into trust, to be safeguarded and used for the benefit of members, whole-timers and others, to assist them to have a change of work with a set purpose, most likely by visiting units overseas, one of the Jubilee projects for 1965 now being considered. He had to rely upon the goodwill and approval of the donors for this.

'Things to Come Seem Best'

Rex concluded his thanks by referring to JOHN CALLF'S text the evening before in the Albert Hall, *"Pessimists, way out"*. Rex added: *"Optimists, you're in.* May you have a long innings. . . . Changes will occur. Welcome them, I say. Help them to happen. There will be exciting happenings in the next three years. . . . After over forty years as a member, in spite of all and because of all, I believe in Toc H. So do you, of course. . . . Every day we can and must thank God for Toc H and for many

blessings. . . . So will vision be translated into power. So will be made possible every task to which we are called."

The final crack was that, instead of a play that might have been performed that afternoon, the Headquarters Team should have put on that well-known drama of modern times: *"The Passing of the Second Floor Buck"*.

In a final message to the Festival, the FOUNDER PADRE warned against the danger of Toc H, in modern dress, running the risk of selling cheap religion. He urged members to implement their Toc H pledges throughout the week but devote Sunday to their own church work. He recalled that the Marks deliberately locked their chapels from midnight on Saturday until midnight on Sunday.

Remarking that the gathering was being held on Trinity Sunday, Tubby recalled that dark Trinity Sunday in 1940, when Britain stood alone and only the indomitable spirit and courage of the people led by their leader, Winston Churchill, had saved the nation from destruction. He asked for the prayers of the whole Movement for those men who that day were being ordained into the Anglican ministry and that young men might be led to offer their lives to Toc H and the church. It was the responsibility of Toc H to show to the world that their purposes were far more genuine than their strange name and origin might suggest.

Toc H, he urged, should never hold a meeting without an utter stranger being in their midst.

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To greet our founder Padre,
We've journeyed down from Rhyl,
And presently to visit
All Hallows, Tower Hill.

When passengers were seated,
Our Pilot, quite aloof,
Took out his Toc H compass
And squatted on the roof.

Arriving in the City
A nervous member cried:
"The traffic, Bobl Anwyl,
It's worse than Llansantfraid."

We'll tell them in Deganwy
We've met Sir Frederick Hoare,
A real Lord Mayor of London
We've never seen before.

That fellow from Ffestiniog
Makes everybody laugh:
If Albert Hall is willing
He wants his autograph.

In Wales we have a surplus
Of soloists and bards;
That's why it's so refreshing
To listen to the Guards.

That clever Dr. Beeching,
Now practising in Wales,
Has half the population
Already off the rails.

We buy expensive fuel
And have to send it back:
There's only one conclusion,
The Coal Board's getting slack.

To see the lions feeding
Why pay a bob or two?
For at a Toc H meeting
You're in a human zoo.

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